

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
Borough Council Regular Meeting
MINUTES
January 7, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vallone called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. at the Far Hills Municipal Building. The flag salute and reading of the open public meetings statement was previously conducted at the Reorganization meeting held immediately prior to this Regular meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carty, Chimenti, Hand, Karner, Surks, Tweedie, Vallone

Absent, as Excused:

Absent:

Also Present: Clerk Hicks, Attorney Sordillo, Chief DeCarolis

REPORTS

Councilman Hand – Fire, Water, Light, Buildings & Grounds

No report.

Councilwoman Tweedie – Health/Sanitation

Councilwoman Tweedie reported that due to the continual inclement weather, the smoke testing of the sewer system has been postponed.

Councilman Surks – Roads

Councilman Surks stated that per Bedminster DPW Director, Mr. John Mantz adequate supplies of salt and sand were readily accessible and the Borough was prepared for any future inclement weather.

Councilman Carty commented on the deteriorating condition of sections of Route 202 between the Borough of Far Hills through to the Borough of Bernardsville. Mayor Vallone stated that correspondence with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) had been sent in reference to the condition of the roadway and was optimistic that the situation would be rectified in a timely fashion. He added that correspondence would be sent to the Far Hills Country Day School and the Borough of Bernardsville in hopes of a collaborative effort to seek remediation from the NJDOT.

Councilman Carty – Finance/Insurance

No report.

Councilwoman Chimenti – Laws, Ordinances & Elections

No report.

Council President Karner – Police

Council President Karner reflected on the past year in the Far Hills Police Department and commended Chief DeCarolis and Sergeant Kocur for their efforts. Council President Karner stated that PBA contract negotiations were ongoing. Council President Karner yielded to Chief DeCarolis for the police report.

Chief DeCarolis – Police

Chief DeCarolis offered his congratulations to the Council members on their re-election. He commented that 2018 was a very productive year for the police department and noted that the December Police Report was filed with Council President Karner and Councilman Carty. Mayor Vallone expressed his appreciation to Chief DeCarolis and the entire Far Hills Police Department.

Council President Karner commented that Special Officer Norman Jenkins had indicated that he would be leaving the Far Hills Police Department this year. Chief DeCarolis stated that Officer Jenkins has been a mentor, not only to himself, but to each of the officers in the department and would be greatly missed. Borough Council members each expressed their appreciation of Officer Jenkins for his many years of service and dedication to the Borough of Far Hills.

Mayor Vallone

Mayor Vallone echoed the sentiments expressed during his address at the reorganization meeting, highlighting the importance of working collaboratively for the benefit of our residents.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12/21/18 Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Surks, seconded by Council President Karner, was unanimously carried that these minutes be approved for content and release.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed within the consent agenda portion of the meeting have been referred to the Borough Council for reading and study and are considered routine and will be enacted with one motion of the Borough Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is required, the item may be removed from the agenda by Borough Council action and placed on the regular agenda under new business.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 19-042 – Authorizing Escrow Agreement
2. Resolution 19-043 – Reappointment via Shared Services Agreement – Tax Collector
3. Resolution 19-044 – Payment of Bill List

Mr. Sordillo advised that the escrow agreement was established to address a drainage issue raised by a resident. The escrow account would be utilized to pay for any services provided by the Borough professionals specific to this property and was funded by the resident exclusively.

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman Carty that Resolutions 19-042 through 19-044 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Carty, Chimenti, Hand, Karner, Surks, Tweedie

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – *The Mayor and Council welcome comments from any member of the public. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers shall limit their comments to 5 minutes.*

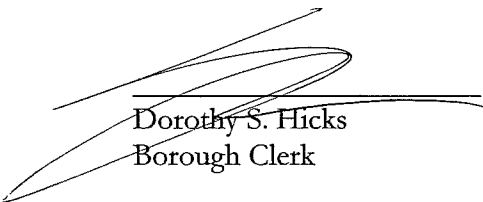
None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Councilman Carty and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED – 1/28/19



Dorothy S. Hicks
Borough Clerk